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Washington 25, D.C.

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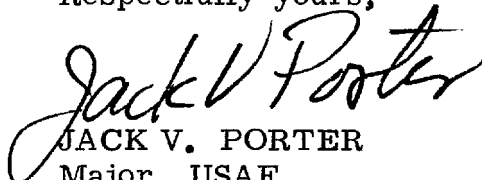
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<p>For your information and preparation of an appropriate reply, This letter was forwarded to us from the White House and the original of the letter will be shown to the Director.</p> <p><i>As per phone conversation, to be filed without reply.</i></p> <p>SUSPENSE: 15 May 1961</p>							
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles:

As you will note, this letter was sent to the President and it was forwarded to us from the White House. I have sent a copy to Bob Amory for his information and preparation of an appropriate reply.

This letter was forwarded to us from the White House without any instructions as to the action to be taken.


AAB
5 May 61
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